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) **MATERIAL**
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the Applicants' duty of good faith and candor toward the Patent Office, the following material is brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly being of interest in connection with the above-identified patent application. These references were brought to the attention of Applicants and are being submitted herewith to comply with the Duty of Disclosure. Consideration of the listed documents by Examiner is respectfully requested pursuant to the provisions of MPEP 609. Applicants respectfully requests that a copy of PTO/SB/8A, as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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